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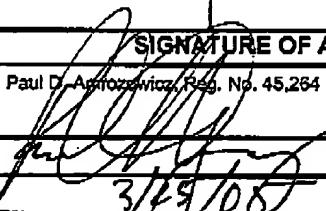
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief ("Notification") mailed March 14, 2005, Appellant hereby submits a complete new Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37. The new brief submitted herewith is an exact duplicate of that which was previously filed on December 28, 2004, and which was allegedly non-compliant. As will now be explained, the Notification is wholly erroneous and Appellant respectfully requests that it be acknowledged as such.

The Notification alleges that the originally-filed Appeal Brief does not include a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, as required in 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v). However, as can be clearly seen from the duplicate copy of that Appeal Brief that is submitted herewith, a section entitled "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" is clearly provided on page 3, and

indeed this section includes a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in independent Claim 14, the only independent claim on appeal. The concise explanation references page and line numbers in the specification and the drawings, where appropriate, using reference numerals. Moreover, such a concise explanation is provided for each and every element that is listed in independent Claim 14.

Unfortunately, it appears as though the Examiner is reading extra language into Rule 41.37 by an indication in the Notification that “[t]he Summary of the Claimed Subject matter (sic) needs to have a line by line accounting of the elements of the independent claim(s) each referenced to the corresponding description in the specification.” This, however, is not a requirement of the Rule. Indeed, nowhere in the Rule is there language that states a “line by line accounting” of each independent claim is required.

As Rule 41.37(c)(1)(v) clearly states, the only requirement is that the brief shall contain “a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.” See 37 C.F.R. § 41.37. The Appeal Brief submitted herewith, which is an exact duplicate of the originally submitted Appeal Brief, includes just such a “concise explanation” for independent Claim 14, which is the only independent claim on appeal.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the Appeal Brief submitted herewith in response to the above-noted Notification, while not being compliant with an arbitrary requirement supplied in the Notification, is fully compliant with the clear and unmistakable language of 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v), and should therefore be accepted without further delay.

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